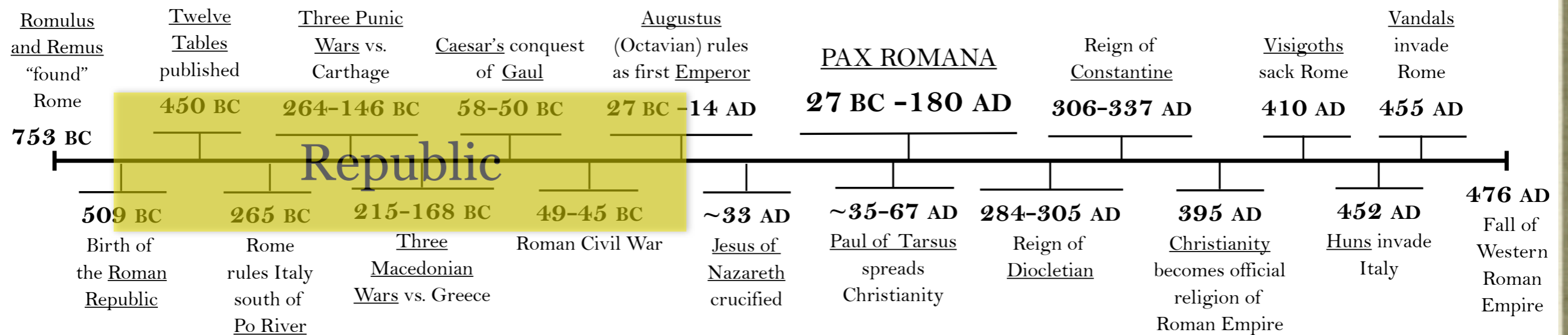


THE ROMAN REPUBLIC

509 -27 BCE

ROMAN TIMELINE



I. GEOGRAPHY

- A. Geographical advantages to Rome
 - Rome built on the banks of the Tiber River
 - Easy access to the sea
 - Centrally located for trade
 - Protected by the Alps and Mediterranean
 - Fertile land



II. FOUNDATIONS OF ROME

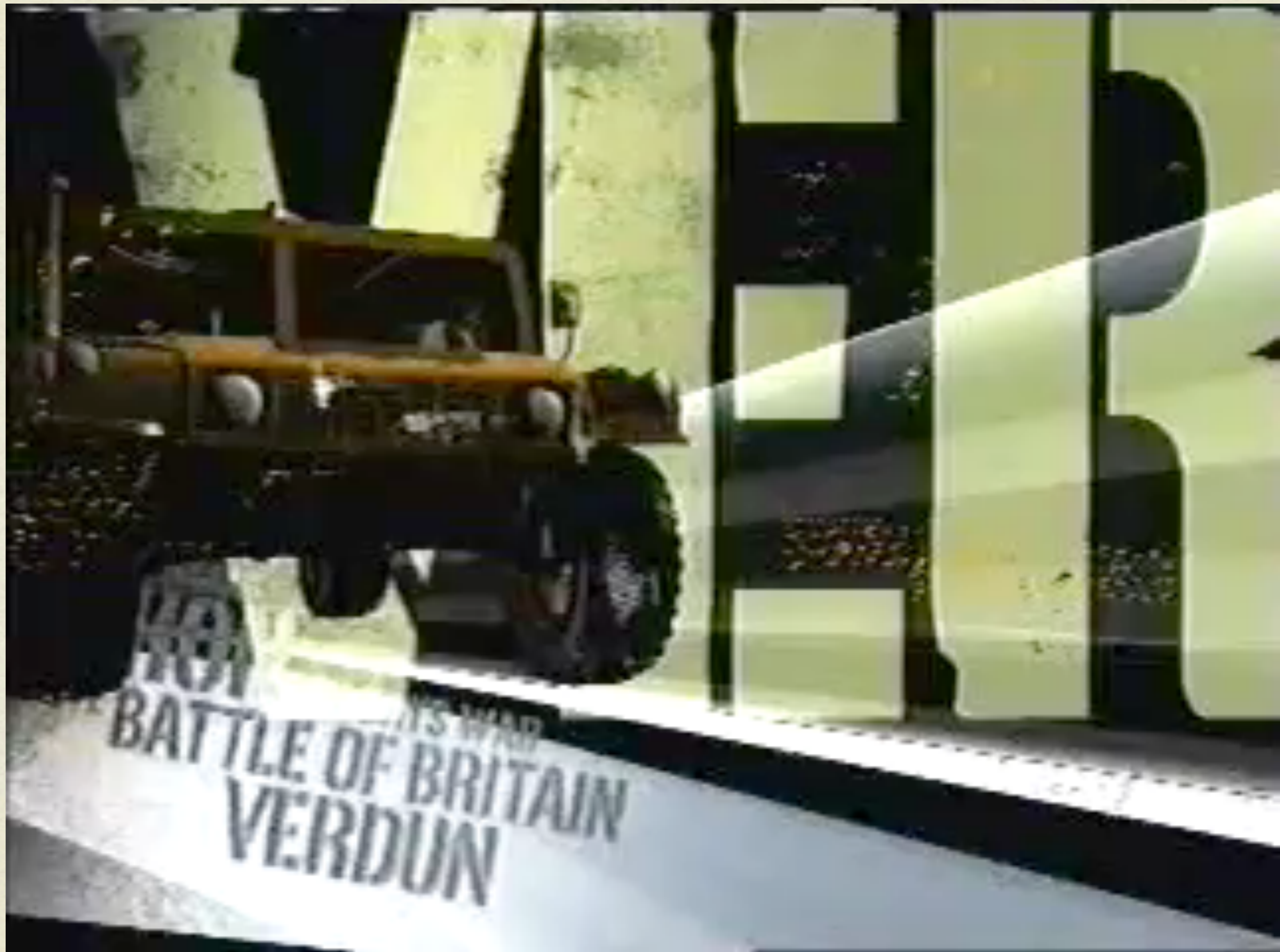
- A. Legend of Romulus and Remus
- B. Settlers learned from the Etruscans
- C. 509 B.C.- threw out Kings to create a republic



Romulus supposedly said “...it is heaven’s will that my Rome shall be capital of the world. Let them learn to be soldiers. Let them know and teach their children that no power on earth can stand against Roman arms.”

III. REPUBLIC 509-27 BCE

- A. Established a Republic
 - definition: a form of government where people vote for their leaders who make decisions and pass laws
 - Had a constitution
 - in 450 BCE all laws written down = Twelve Tables
 - citizens elected government officials
 - Gov. provided checks and balances



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III. REPUBLIC CONT.



- B. Citizen Army
 - ALL male citizens volunteered for army
 - Valued strength, honor and commitment to serve Rome
 - large military
 - very disciplined & well trained



C. Republic Expanded
growth in population=need for more land
expanded through Europe & North Africa

III. REPUBLIC CONT.

- D. Expansion led to decline
 - Expansion = Death of Republic
 - powerful generals take over and there is lots of fighting
 - ultimately Julius Caesar is victorious over others – named Dictator for Life in 44 BCE

